

THE GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

Immediately after the last Annual Meeting of the Board your Council was called upon to take steps to secure, if possible, the locating of the Experimental Farm, which the Dominion Government proposed to establish in Manitoba, in the vicinity of Winnipeg. A large committee was appointed to act jointly with one from the City Council. Information was secured regarding several eligible sites in the immediate neighborhood of the city, which might be purchased at, in each instance, a very moderate cost. A deputation waited on the Hon. Thomas White, Minister of the Interior, who was in Winnipeg in March on a visit, to press upon him the advantages of this locality as a site for the farm. A strong memorial was prepared and forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, and copies of it to the senators and representatives of Manitoba in the House of Commons. The position of this city as a railroad, educational, commercial and agricultural centre was pointed out to the Minister, and after the visit of Prof. Saunders, Director of the Experimental Farm Department, when he consulted with the committee, and was accompanied by its members to different suitable sites close to the city, your Council have every confidence that the proposed Experimental Farm will be located in the immediate vicinity of Winnipeg. This committee held six meetings, all of which were largely attended.

THE DRAINAGE OF LANDS.

Your Council appointed a committee to collect all the information possible regarding the extent to which the lands, within a radius of twenty miles of this city, might be most thoroughly drained by a comprehensive and economical system. The committee waited on the Hon. Dr. Wilson, Minister of Public Works for Manitoba, and conferred with him on this subject. It was determined by the committee that the first thing requisite was the preparation of a topographical map of the district, which would show in detail the altitudes and natural water-ways of the area. An estimate was made by the City Engineer of the cost of a topographical survey and the preparation of a suitable map of the lands situated within twenty miles of the city, the amount estimated being about \$7,000.

The committee was to have again waited on the Hon. Dr.